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TWO SCORE FRENCH-BRITISH WAR VESSELS MASS TO FORCE WAY THROUGH FOUR LIVES LOST ARDSLEY, N. Y., Dec. 6 .-Four lives were lost, sixty MINE FIELD AND LINE OF FORTS families made homeless, and half a million dollars' worth of property destroyed in a



This photograph of General Von Kluck seated in his automobile, was taken just before he sent his army into battle. He is on a tour of inspection, and is giving his field officers his final orders. He and some of the officers about him are wearing cloth coverings over their polished helmets, so they will not make a shining target for the enemy's sharpshooters.

IS DUE TO BE **FULL OF ACTION**

Need for Economy Because of War, Democratic Insurgency, and Wilson's Program May Bring Clash.

Demand for Adequate Military Preparedness Bound to Be Carried on in Both Houses, Say Observers.

When Vice President Marshall and

he two houses to order one of the oet interesting short sessions of Coneas which the country has seen for cars will have been formally opened. With an important political campaign nd revolutionary elections just conded, and all parties busy pondering n the results; with the revenues of he Treasury hurt by the war, and the end for economy even greater than sual; with the President insisting or ertain general legislation, and the leaders in Congress saving it will be impossible to enact it and finish the Villa and Zapata and their control of appropriation bills by March 4; with the situation in northern Mexico, as lew and sudden importance attached well as inMexice City, removes the by the country to the lack of adequate necessity for a large patrol of American collitary and naval preparedness, the troops on the Mexican border, the War short session will not be characterized Department has decided to withdraw a by duliness at any time between the large part of the troops now sintioned rst Monday in December and the day in Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Program Not Shaped.

Although the program for the session | Washington today. Wilson in his conferences with the leaders of the House and Senate, and by aucuses of the two houses, there is ittle question as to its general nature. First of all, appropriations are to reeive attention. With a war tax imposed on an unwilling public and with he Treasury to some extent deprived of sual revenues, the watchdogs of Uncle am's coffers this winter will be more nan ordinarily clamorous.

Economy will be urged in connection with all the supply bills. But there will lso be extreme pressure for appropria-ions so there will be an even harder truggle than usual between those who ant liberal appropriations and those ho want to curtall expenditures. Moreover, it is clear that if an extra-ession is to be avoided next spring. (Continued on Third Page.)

'BLUE LAW" REVIVED IN PRINCE GEORGE

Sheriff and Deputies Close Even Drug Stores at Request of Ministers.

Maryland's century-old "blue law" is broughout the county, included in the mits of which, is Hysttsville, Laurel, before they can proceed. fount Rainier, Marlboro and other

Not since the days of Lord Baltimore in court as there been such a strict observance the Sabbath, according to the sheriff Changes Made in the

Even the drug stores are closed, the ele of even so much as a pin renderg the seller Hable to a fine of not than \$50 nor more than \$300 andy stores and ice cream parlors are not from one end of the county to the

Unaware of the order issued earlier gineers. the week when Sheriff Hardy and deputies served notice on the store-spors that the "blue law" would be willy merforced, many residents of the unity were caught with larders nearly

Application of the "blue law" was ught about through the efforts of tain clergymen, who complained of re forced to may a heavy penalty if bey repeat the offense next Sunday. he sheriff declared that he intends to the dislocations had been con-to every Sunday, hereafter. the dislocation objections had been con-to every Sunday, hereafter. county every Sunday, hereafter.

fire in the O. F. Heneretty buildings here today.

The postoffice, a garage, and several stores adjoining were destroyed.

John Kelly, chief of the fire department, summoned aid from Dobbs Ferry, Hastingson-the-Hudson, White Plains. Tarrytown, and Yonkers. A dozen engines responded and for hours fought the flames.

Among the companies responding was the famous "millionaires" fire company, from Hastings.

TROOPS TO LEAVE MEXICAN BORDER

Alliance Between Villa and Zapata Make Administration Feel Safe About North Zone.

advices from the Texas border reached as not yet been shaped by President officials when questions said they were Border advices, however, declared that vised to be ready to return parts of their commands to their usual stations

Orozco Is Feared.

This development, coupled with re-Salazar, and aided by Pasqual Orozco, buy arms and ammunition, were the mly advices received in Washington today bearing on the complicated Mexican situation

a communication with Mexico City. Nothing has been heard from Sillinan or Carothers since Friday. This is taken as an indication that in destroying rail communication between Vern Cruz and Mexico City, Carranza also destroyed wire communication. That the cable between Vern Cruz and this country has not been tempered with is indicated by ot been tampered with is indicated by he receipt of a district from that ort today dealing with the return of erranza from a six-day trip into the While not advised of the War Depart-

Anxiety was caused by the breakdown

ment's intention of following its evacua-tion of Vera Cruz by withdrawing troop om the border, a high official, who ex-(Continued on Second Page)

New Ruling Affects Non-Resident Motorists

eing rigidly enforced in Prince George mobilists held up for violation of law, ounty today, for the first time in years, or traffic regulations will have to go to

A new ruling to the effect has made by Major Sylvester, follo was the lid is being held down tight sheriff George W. Hardy and his advantage of the system whereby an effection was merely notified to appear

Reclamation Service

Frederick H. Newell has been renoved from the post of director of the Reclamation Service by order of Seceven the slot machines which retail directions and chewing gum are under excellence. Before next Sunday, it is spected, the owners of the machines if the ordered to lock up the devices of chief of construction was created, which will be filled by Sydney Unaware of the order (construction). B. Williamson, one of the construction of the construct retary of the Interior Lane, but will eated, which will be filled by Sydney Williamson, one of the Panamu en-

Secretary Bryan Awaits Governor Hunt's Advice

Secretary of State Bryan today awaited official advices from Governor Hunt, stores keeping open on Sunday. Of Arizona proclaiming the suspension

of Arizona's procusioning the suspension of the store keepers of arrest any of the store keepers is shi violating the law today, but that a would warn them and see that they before taking further action of the British and Italian governments against this weaking.

Private advices from Phoenix, Ariz, declared that he intends to be sheriff declared that he intends the sheriff declared that he intends to be sheriff declared that he intends the sheriff declared that he intends to be sheriff declared that he intends to be sh the back he managed to put them to hight. He is now in Lebannon Hospital in a serious condities.

of \$1.50.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 6. Attacked by m injuriated colored man, who had

forning to collect an alleged debt, King

teeple lack, probable ratally wounded

The fight took place in the home

Agnesi, at la East Center street. Arth-

Van Story, the colored man, was em-

pleased by Agnew as a belper in h

teeple climbing werk. This morning out Story called at Agnew's home to allest \$1.50 that he claimed the "zteeple-ack owed him. Agnew and his wife and four months

For Cotton Legislation

Little chance for legislation to aid the

Hoke Smith, of Georgia. He led a fill-

ouster for such legislation hor session.

Routs Two Burglars.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. White his em

lover, Impatz Geia, hid in the ice box

orth the week's receipts from his

satcher slop at 123 Longwood avenue,

Group. Undip Hell fought two

his assistant with a penknife

Little Chance Is Seen

ports of the new revolutionary outbreak in STEEPLEJACK" CUTS Germans Abandon DENES SHE SOUGHT Selegar, and aided by Pasqual Orozeo, Salegar, and aided by Pasqual Orozeo, Selegar, and aided by Pasqual Orozeo, Steep Conference of the New York endeavoring COLORED ASSAILANT Drive Upon Calais

Death Probable Consequence of Slowly Retreat Upon Second Line of Defenses as Al-Quarrel Over Alleged Debt lies Press Offensive in Flanders and in Vicinity of Metz.

> PARIS, Dec. 6.-With their hope of gaining Calais, the third great German objective of the war abandoned, the forces of the Kaiser today are slowly but surely falling back, and are being pressed by the advancing armies of the

All reports from the front and dispatches from Rot- and Bell, upon complaint of her husterdam and other points indicate that plans are all made for the German retirement. While the invaders' forces along the Yser are known to have been re-enforced it is believed that it was done merely as a feint and the lessening of the former powerful offensive appears to presage an stated. She was carrying the weapon early withdrawal to the new lines of defense.

NEW LINE OF DEFENSE PREPARED.

The Germans are reported to have those engaged. The French and British ofton producers is seen by Senator and veritable fortresses.

nester for such legislation has session, in this ideas resulted in the Germans being office also states.

From another section of the western in such cases. the cotton people is general registation which cill be nefit the cotton producers. He has taken up with the State Department do difficult es which beset shipment of cotton abroad.

sto it, in the face of a territic fire. The cerman resistance was vain. The cenches were tilled with the dead and nying, but the allies swept over them and were not stopped until the second the of intrenchments had been taken.

official accounts of the charge place the losses of the Germans at one-half of

milt long lines of trenches practically losses were heavy, but did not apacross Belgium. These are of concrete and verifiable fortresses.

A brilliant and dashing offensive movement by French and British troops

in the Garmans being office also search of the western is driven back all along the front from Dixmade to the Lys.

Charging from trenches in which they had lain for days awaiting the call to action, the allies dashed to meet the invaders, and fell upon the first line of German earthworks, swarming up and the stronghold. Although unofficial statements of the last few days have been noncommittal as to developments in this section, all reports indicate that the French attack is fast developing to the point where the bombardment of Fort St. Blaize, the outermost of the Metz defenses, may be expected

Battle Is On Near Metz.

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This is the story told today in the atest of the official reports issued by ing since amountement that the French is the place to enjoy your flower, out is the place to enjoy your flower. Cermans Lose Fifty Per Cent.

While the actual advance itself seems with a small distance, it means much in this greatest of all world wars. Unficial accounts of the charge place the The German official statement regard
The German official statement regard
Stories of coormous lesses, suffered in the open. Golf, riding constraint in the op

Mrs. Mendenhall, Arrested a Husband's Demand, to Fight Prosecution.

TARGET FOR PISTOL

the charge of carrying concealed weapbrought against her by her hu band, C. B. Mendedhall, a division chief n the Department of Justice, Mrs. Masel W. Merstenhall is prepared to appear in Police Court temorrow morning according to the declaration of J. H. tilbrey, her counsel.

esterday by Park Policemen Hennessy band. Husband and wife had met in front of the Branswick apartment when Mr. Mendenhalt discovered that his wife had a revolver in her hundbag,

The weapon was not loaded and Mrs. stopledhall had no castridges, it is from one friend to another, according to the statement of Mr. Bilbrey. The Mendenballs have been married fifteen years. Three weeks ago they itish appropriate in the Alabama, it is said. Mrs. Mondentall will make no statement, except through ber attorney. She said that she had no idea or intention of day, using the revolver, and has the charge against her is size work. Mrs. Mendentall's release was obtlined by her counsel on \$50 collateral, the usual sum

Storm Prevents Wilson

the White House. He will forgo his usual Sunday custom of taking a motor

Your Christmas Outing.

SCENE OF MOMENTOUS OPERATIONS OF NAVIES

Censor Cuts Out Name of the Place Where Battle Impends—Russian Armored Motor Cars Inflict Heavy Losses on Germans in Poland.

COPENHAGEN, Via London, Dec. 6.-That a great naval battle is impending, if not under way, is announced in a message from Berlin this morning.

The dispatch, which is semi-official, states "Forty French and British warships are gathered outside (name of place cut out by censor).

"It is declared that the allied fleet evidently intends to force its way through. The territory is thickly strewn with mines and such an attempt seems impossible, as the fortifications have been greatly strengthened."

The above dispatch is believed to refer to an attempt of the allies to force the passage of the Dardanelles. The censor in cuttinf out the location of the massing of the war vessels makes it a matter of conjecture. The fact that the French vessels are taking part makes the theory that it refers to the Dardanelles the most plausible, as the French navy has been most active in the Mediterranean.

Another possible construction is that the fleet is planning a dash to destroy the German fleet at Kiel, but the fact that a great storm has been raging in the channel and in the North Sea for two days makes this appear unlikely.

The reference to the strengthening of the fortifications also is more applicable to the Turkish forts than to those at Kiel, which were placed in the highest state of preparation before the opening of the war.

Russian Cavalry Sweep Aside Teutons' Charges

cavalry rable along the Vistula, the fighting with cold steel. tussians today are threatening the German lines of communications, while their massed forces are driving at the German center. Making a daring said Germans are fast breaking under the through the darkness along a road to Lask, Russian armored motor cars in-Picted heavy Jasses upon the German column Friday night.

in the latest official statement issued from the war office on the fighting in Poland on Friday, it is declared that stubbern fighting centiues at Lowicz; also in the region of Lodg and westward foward Pletkrow.

Continuing, the report says: "During the lighting, a German Infantry column on the road to Lank was met, and the heaviest losses were inflicted by arored motor cars.

Command Rail Communication.

Reports received today declare that attempt of the Germans again to carry the fighting to the Russians and advance their lines has totally falled of Leaving the White House

Its purpose. The invading forces are being kept constantly on the defensive, and only a supreme effort is preventing the storm today and did not leave. Piercing the German line between Lo-The Russians now hold Skiernievice,

commanding the rail communication from Lowicz and Lodz. The Ger-mans have falled back twenty miles from this point, abandoning great quantities of ammunition and supplies in their retreat.

by hie Germans are told here in unofficial dispatches from the front. The
Germans are baving the greatest difficulty in forming their lines for the
resumption of the offensive, owing to
the ability of the Russians to break
through, surround independent units,
had been lying.

PETROGEAD, Dec. 6-With dashing, an dadminister staggering losses

Winter Advantage to Slavs. The Russian troops are declared be in excellent condition, while the hardships of fighting in the severwinter weather prevailing in Poland In Prussia conditions now favor the Russians, as the swamp region largely frozen over, The Russian lines are being held there, but there is evidently a disposition to withhold the development of this campaign pend ing definite assurances of a complete victory about Lodg and Lowicz. On the southern front thousands of risoners have been taken, and thustrians are rapidly falling buck ith the Germans advancing eastware from Czenstochowa, however, the Rusian line running back from the Cra cow region upon Kleice is carefully guarded to prevent a movement which might flank the Russian forces

Spy Caused Death of Five Hundred Frenchmen

advancing for the siege of Cracow

LONDON, Dec. 6 .- How 500 French troops were betrayed by a spy Tuesday is told in dispatches from Dunkirk. The French soldiers were sleeping in a church at Lampernisse. A spy in one was gained access to the belfy and displayed lights which notified the Deplayed lights which notified the